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### HOME NEWS.

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FARIS & SHIPMAN'S.

Wr send out some specimen copie of the Page Pages this week, and hope to receive the subscriptions o those to whom they are sent.

SOMETHING NEW.-Ice-cream will be served every day after the 18th o this month in the building now occupied by Mr. Crunk, next door to Eastham's tin shop. J. F. TRAVIS. For cool Lemonade go to

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Work at this office. Ir you want to see Groceries in var-

iety and quantity pass through the Store and Warehouse of G. W. DONALBON.

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## Price Reduced.

We have concluded to reduce the price of the few remaining copies of our Description of Hays county one half, viz : single coples 5ots.; 6 copies for 25ets.; 14 copies for 50 cts, and 40 copies for \$1. Just the thing to send last page of this paper.

### Special Notice!

Those desiring advertisements or local notices must hand them in on or before THURSDAY, in order to insure their insertion the same week.

Finest assortment of Best Fresh Baked Crackers cheap at DONALSON'S.

ALEXANDER'S popular Family Med icines are for sale at the drugstore of Raynolds & Daniel, San Marcos.

FINE COFFEES

Don't tail to try the fine new Rio and Cordova Coffees, just received by G. W. DONALSON.

SINGLE ocpies of the FREE PRESS

A HEAVY corn crop is nearly matur ed in this county, and the early cotton is quite promising, though the later planting needs rain.

## Town Property for Sale.

A house and lot joining Major Hutchison's, and two vacant lots joining Mrs. Manlove's. Apply to E. A. DIAL.

JOB WORK neatly executed at thes office, and at prices to suit the times.

Ir is believed, from the number of visitors to the railroad bridge now in progress over the San Marcos, that most of our people will soon be considerably conversant with bridge build-

BUY YOUR BREAD .- Persons who buy tickets for the Summer of Fritz Lange, can have good bread supplied cheaper than they can bake it themselves. Call and see Frits on the sub. ject and be satisfied that this is true.

WE wish to say to the public that we are now making a general reduction in prices in order to close out our present stock and make room for new goods. We offer bargains for cash, and no mistake.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Nor long since we published an estimate of the population of our town the crowd had considerably increased. We should guess there were 500 perwas not dutte correct, and Mr. Watkins sons present. It was a model assemthe enumerator for this vicinity, left blage for quiet and good order. There for us a corrected statement. Unluck, was a fine array of handsque ladies. ily for us it has got mislaid. Will he The dinner was good and abundant,

we were agreeably disappointed in not finding the road so fearfully bad as we had heard it represented. It is in places, bad enough, 'tis true, but quite susceptible of the proposed improvements. There are no large or steep hills, or any insuperable obstacles to making it an excellent road.

At last we reached the Springs, and sight of human habitation, the fertile his brother in Coleman county. valley, with its rank corn and cotton fields, gardens, and comey outtages, seemed like an oasis in the desert.

The celebration was held at the school house grounds, in a beautiful grove. San Marcos we believe contributed about one-half the crowd. Among our delegation was the Brass Band, which attracted a good deal of attention.

Our friend Squire Stephenson had been selected as master of ceremonies, but was almost disabled by a hurt received in one of his limbs, so that his duties mainly devolved on Judge Burleson, who ably discharged the same. The Declaration of Independence was read by Judge Hopkins, and he was followed by Thos. H. Franklin, Esq.,

in an appropriate oration. Pending preparations for dinner, Mr. Spradling, a young gentleman from York's Creek, volunteered to take us to and upon the "Devil's Backbone," some two miles farther up the road to Blanco City, an offer which we were The sights we saw were of themselves well worth a ride from San Marcos to friends abroad. For particulars see This series of hills is unique and imposing to a very remarkable degree, and would form a study of great interest to a geologist. Most of them are in a continuous chain, but now and We regard the advent of this enterpris then one appears isolated and in the form of a sugar loaf. The highest business capacity as likely to form an part of the chain we should say is not era in the history of San Marcos less than five hundred or six hundred feet above the level of San Marcos. These hills of themselves are at least wice as high as the highest around our town. The road follows the top of the "backbone," and in places ap proaches percipitous descents so closely as to suggest ideas not the most of vegetation, and there are clear in- pacer."

> al gateway of our Purgatory. miles in length and would average ly all fine tillable land, and watered by neverfailing springs. There are about twenty families residing in the valley, and they have church and school privileges. The community is sufficient to support a mercantile house or so, and ought by all means to have a post of fice. The valley was first settled in 1852. Mr. Williamson, from Missouri -father of "our John"-bought most of it, and his descendants are still numerous there. It is an admirable location for men wishing to settle their families pleasantly while engaging in the stock business, which is invited by boundless range, free as air. This valley, as also others which we sight recalled recollections of our early ple ordinarily designated as men of reading of the "Happy Valley" of Rasselas and the scenery of "the sweet lety actress whose face and figure ore. isle of India's main" immortalized in Paul and Virginia. And we could not Paul and Virginia. And we could not the boards as if she were a vertable but think that to one weary of the queen. Her life is a life of perpetual strife and turmoil of the unsympathetie crowd, a retreat like this-"the world forgetting, by the world forgot" -would be most welcome.

Dinner was ready on our return and the growd had considerably increased.

Prof. Hollingsworth, formerly of this place, was here the first of the week.

Prof. J. D. Morrison has started a newspaper at Pleasanton, called the Monitor.

Mr. Lindsey, just from Georgia, calafter the long rough ride, without the ed on us an yesterday. He will visit Jos. W. Cox, of Dr. Crews'

> has laid us under obligations by a present of some very fine sweet pota-While passing over the "Backbone" our escort pointed out to us in a val

ley on the other side, dimly seen far be-

low, the residence of Dr. Payne, of this We regretted our inablity to be present at the entertainment at Rev. Mr. Kennedy's on Tuesday night.

learn it was quite creditable to all concerned. Mr. Remer, late of this place, appears to be "holding forth" at Laredo We hope he may do so well as to be both able and willing to remember his

creditors of this vicinity. We regret to learn of the death of H. B. Frazer, well known in this county. A dispatch appouncing his death, in Alabama, was received by his relations here on Sunday last

Mr. Hewitt, newspaper man, who glad to accept. Our friend J. H. Horn printed the FREE PRESS for us for furnished the outfit, in the shape of a some time, has sold out the Mansfield buggy and mule, and we were soon Ls., paper and started another at Nat- through said town making headway toward the hills, chitoches, called the Register. It is a with the right and privilege nice loo ki ng paper, and we wish him of constructing

> Maj. Hinzie of Palestine was here again this week, and arranged for pus h ing forward his building. He informs us he will have it completed by Sept 1 ing gentleman in our midst in a "May his tribe iucrease" among us

W. L. Franks, of the Mountain City country, sent us on yesterday, by our friend C. G. Richards, a sheaf of millet breast high to a man and of luxuriant richness and beauty. It was sown in March and received only ordinary attention. We sacrificed it to pleasant. Its sides are nearly bare the appreciative taste of our "natura] dications of water having stood at

different heights, showing the same WE have been favored with new level on the sides of the various eleva- catalogues, announcements, &c., of tions. These hills constitute the actu- the Mission Valley Nurseries of G. Onderdonk, Victoria county; also with Descending again to the valley, we blank orders and an order book. Any ould better understand where its fer. one wishing to purchase fruit or ornatility comes from. It is some three mental trees from this nursery can leave their orders at the FREE PRESS about half a mile in breadth, besides office. The superior quality of the some irregular extensions. It is near products of Mr. Onderdonk's nurseries are pretty well known here. They are Texas raised, carefully tested to suit the climate, and are of course much to be preferred to imported articles.

# "Nana."

This is the title of the new French novel by Emile Zola, which has atracted so much attention, the more because it has been condemned by Anthony Comstock, of New York, who takes supervision of such matters as unfit to be circulated. As a natural consequence the sales have been greatly increased by this unwise and uncalled for action. Read what the Boston Courier says of "Nana :"

Nama is a careful study of the life ate a furore among the fashionable Parisians, who tollow her on and off portrayed with an intensity of graphic dilineation which is almost terrible to renize. Zola's purpose is as he him-self says, to paint this class of women as they exist in real life, and any one who reads the work will not hesitate to declare that he has attained a full measure of success in his attempt.
Although the work deals with vice in all its hideous reality, Nana throws no glamour over self-indulgence, nor leads the least charm to natures essentially tales and corrupt. The writer's object ily for us it has got mislaid. Will be kindly make out another for publication.

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Trip to Purgatory Springs, &c.

We visited this locality on Tuesday. The occasion was a celebration of the 4th. We had been favorably impressed with the place, because there have been repeated celebrations there of our national anniversary, while it has been ignored in nearly all other parts of the county. We therefore expected to find a good patriotic community at Purgasounty. We therefore expected to find a good patriotic community at Purgasounty. We therefore expected to find to your springs; and we were not disappointed.

It is twelve miles distant from San Marcos, through "the mountains," but one state of their candidacy generally known to the "dear deal, "Nana" has created a great sention abroad, and has been hailed by the Press both of London and Paris, as the literary event of years, over two hundred thousand copies of "Nana" and "L' Assommoir," having been sold in France. It is complete in one volume, price 75cts, and will be sold to upper Blanco and Perdinales regions, co. This would complete our survey of Hays county. But we are willing to rest awhile before we start out for "the mountains" again.

An ordinance granting to the International and Great Northern Railroad company the right of way through
County Clerk of Hays county. national and Great Northern Rail and over certain Streets and Alleys of the Town of San Marcos, and authorizing said rail-road company, to construct depot buildings, side tracks, and switches within said Town, and a bridge in a sim across the San Marcos River.

Whereas, the International and Great Northern Railroad company has submitted a proposition in writing to the Mayor and board of Aldermen of the town of San Marcos, in which it proposes and obligates itself in the construction of said Railroad from the city of Austin to the city of San Antonio, to construct the same through urer of Hays county. the town of San Marcos; and whereas said Railroad company has agreed to locate, build and maintain a passenger depot and freight depot on a certain eighteen and one half sores of land designated by said company for depot and right of way grounds within the limits of said town:

Sec. 1. Be it therefore ordained by San Marcos that the right of way over, upon, across or through any portion of the streets and alleys embraced within the said eighteen and one half acres of land in said town is hereby granted, and permitted to the International and Great Northern Railroad company for its use in the construction and maintogether main- City. and taining a bridge over the San Marcos river at any place adjacent to and in connection with the said eighteen and one half acres, and such side tracks limits of the said eighteen and one half

where said Railroad crosses Austin St. but said company, in consideration of the premises, is hereby relieved from the necessity of of making, maintaining or keeping in repair crossings on other wheel, per basel, 92 00 ors, " 35%40 wheat, per basel, 91 00021 25 streets of said town, and in view of the public inconvenience which would be occasioned by the construction of crossings where said Railroad crosses Comal, San Antonio, Fort, Cedar, Union, and Water streets the Town of San Maroos further agrees and binds itself that no crossings shall hereafter be maintained or constructed, where said Railroad crosses said last named streets.

Sec. 3. The Town of San Marcos further agrees and obligates itself to indemnify and hold harmless the said Railroad company from all damages that may be claimed by abutting pro. prietors for the use of any street for Railroad purposes: Provided however, that said town shall not be liable in any damages claimed by abutting proprietors, which may arise from a negligent and unskillful construction or operation of said Railroad by said Railroad company.

Sec. 4. The said Railroad company shall be required to keep open a sufficient space on the North or West side of their track from end to end of the said 184 acres, and a sufficient space on the South or East side of the said 184 acres from Austin to Union streets for the safe and convenient passage of teams, carriages, and other rehiple" and persons.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall take effeet and be in force from and after its passage and after its publication as required by law.

Board of THOS R. FOURQUEAN.
Aldermen P. R. TURNER.
D. P. HOPKINS. H. B. COFFIELD, Mayor.

clo 67 of said Ordinances shall be amended so as to read as follows, to-

Art. 67. Leaving any team or an beas of burden attached to a vehicle without being securely tied, after being potified by the Marshal or Po man to tie said team or beast of bur den or to loose the same from said

H. B. COPPIELD, Mayor. S. B. McBRIDE, Acting Sec'y.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1890. COUNTY CLERK:

COUNTY JUDGE:

To the voters of Hays county: I am a candidate for the office of County Judge of your county. My past record, in a similar capacity, is my only guaranty for the future.

Respectfully,

O. W. GROOMS.

COUNTY PROSECUTOR: We are authorized to announce O. T. BROWN as a candidate for Proce-cuting Attorney for Hays county. TREASURER:

We are authorized to announce D. P. HOPKINS as a candidate for Treas-SHERIFF:

We are authorized to announce H. E. BARBER as a condidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

We are authorised to announce AL-BERT HEATON as a candidate for re-election as Assessor of Hays coun-

Sec. 1. Be it therefore ordained by the Town Council of the Town of S. FORTSON as a candidate for Assem Marcos that the right of way over, seesor of Hays county. COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT

> We are authorised to announce T. J. McCARTY as a candidate for Commissioner of Hays county.

tenance of its Railroad and the said cay, less of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe passenger and freight depots in and that will cure you, PREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rav. Joseph T. Lunan, Station D. New York

## MARKET REPORT.

San Marcos Retail Price Current. turn-outs, and switches within the CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE PREE PRESS, BY G. W. DONALSON

Rairayed June 28th 1850, by D. P. Hopkins, Co. Com'r., Precinct No. 1, Hays Co., for the use of said county, one white gelding, branded AM con-ucted on the left shoulder. 15% hands high, 8 or 10 years old. June 28th, 1880.

ED. J. L GREEN,

U and R connected.

Said stock estrayed for the use of Hays county.

June 24, 1880.

PETER SCHMIDT.

July 3 ov Com'r. Prec. Ro. 4.

Estrayed by R. J. Sledge, before C. W. Grooms P., H. Vo., July S. 1890, one bay horse, 14 hand gh, 10 years old, branded F L on left, aboulder pyraised at \$10. One brown mare mule, 15 hand gh, 5 years old, branded HP (connected) on left

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B. B. MINOR,

ATTORNEY AT L Officer-in the Court Home. SAN MARCOS TEXAS.

BROWN & COFFIELD ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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